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In re Application of:

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SLURRY FOR CHEMICAL
MECHANICAL POLISHING
SILICON DIOXIDE

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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

The following is a response to the Official Action mailed on
December 21, 2001.

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are in this application. Claims 11-23 are withdrawn from
consideration. Claims 1-9 stand rejected and claim 10 is objected to.

The rejection states that claims 1-10 and 11-23 are drawn to differently
distinct inventions. Applicants select claims 1-10 for reconsideration with
traverse.

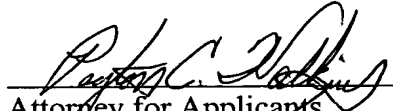
The rejection states that claims 1-5 and 9 are rejected as being anticipated
by Kido et. al. In response, Applicants have prepared a declaration under 37 CFR
1.131 for eliminating Kido et. al. as a prior art reference. It is pointed out to the
Examiner's attention that it is not necessary to swear behind the foreign filing
date of Kido et. al., see Ex parte Vivani, 72 U.S.P.Q. 448. This declaration is
enclosed herewith.

In view of the above amendment/remarks, it is respectfully submitted that
claims 1 and 9 are patentable as now presented herein; therefore, favorable
reconsideration and an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully
requested. Claims 2-8 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 1 and are

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patentable for the reasons stated hereinabove in support of claim 1. Claim 10 depends from claim 9 and is patentable for the reasons in support of claim 9.

Respectfully submitted,



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